

OPINION 940

GELASIMUS MACRODACTYLUS H. MILNE EDWARDS & LUCAS,
1843 (CRUSTACEA, DECAPODA): SUPPRESSED UNDER THE
PLENARY POWERS

RULING.—(1) Under the plenary powers the specific name *macrodactylus* H. Milne Edwards & Lucas, 1843, as published in the binomen *Gelasimus macrodactylus*, is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Law of Priority but not for those of the Law of Homonymy.

(2) The specific name *macrodactylus* H. Milne Edwards & Lucas, 1843, as published in the binomen *Gelasimus macrodactylus* (as suppressed under the plenary powers in (1) above) is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 953.

HISTORY OF THE CASE (Z.N.(S.) 1835)

The present case was submitted to the office of the Commission by Dr. H. O. v. Hagen and Dr. L. B. Holthuis in December 1967. The application was sent to the printed on 15 February 1968 and was published on 24 May 1968 in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **25** : 60–61. Public Notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the present case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the other prescribed serial publications (Constitution Art. 12b; *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **21** : 184) and to one specialist serial. No comment was received.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 28 January 1970 the Members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (70)4 either for or against the proposal set out in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **25** : 61. At the close of the prescribed voting period on 28 April 1970 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative votes—twenty-three (23), received in the following order: China, Lemche, Holthuis, Bonnet, Vokes, Evans, Jaczewski, Eisenmann, Munroe, Tortonese, Obruchev, do Amaral, Melville, Mayr, Simpson, Binder, Ride, Brinck, Starobogatov, Forest, Kraus, Alvarado, Mertens.

Negative votes—one (1): Sabrosky.

The following comment was made by Commissioner Sabrosky in returning his negative vote: "The name is clearly a *nomen dubium*, and can be disregarded. Plenary power action is not needed, and it is unnecessary to bother the Commission with such cases."

ORIGINAL REFERENCE

The following is the original reference for the name placed on the Official Index by the Ruling given in the present Opinion:

macrodactylus, *Gelasimus*, H. Milne Edwards & Lucas, 1843, in d'Orbigny, *Voy. Amér. Mérid.* **6** : 27

CERTIFICATE

I certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (70)4 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that Voting Paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 940.

R. V. MELVILLE

Secretary

International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature

London

6 July 1970